

Present: First Selectman Nina Daniel, Selectman Dennis Tracey, Selectman Chris Spaulding, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, Town Engineer John Conte, Director of Finance and Operations Richard Rudl, BOE Member Elise Major, Harry Spencer Insurance Advisory Commission Chairman, Weston Residents

This meeting was videotaped and recorded. The tapes are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Daniel called the meeting to order at: 7:30pm

- 1- **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Vickie Kelley
- 2- **Discussion/decision to make supplemental capital appropriations with funds available in the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-recurring Expenditures.** Rich Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations and Elise Major, Board of Education, presented their supplemental request. Discussion ensued. The BOS were not comfortable with the original request so they presented the following motions:

Mr. Tracey moved that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) agrees with the Board of Finance (BOF) that it is prudent to utilize excess funds in the Capital Non-Recurring Fund and the FEMA Storm Reimbursement to reduce the FY 18 capital budget, but in light of known expected capital requirements, we believe that it would be more prudent, and would result in more predictable mill rates in the future, to use only a portion of the excess capital this year, and to use the remainder in future years. Specifically, the BOS recommends the use in FY 18 the current fiscal year of one third of the current excess balance of the capital fund (currently \$380K) for FY18 capital projects.

Mr. Spaulding moved to add to the agenda a business item entitled "**Discussion / decision in regards to the FY 17/18 budget and level of OPEB contributions.**" Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3- **"Discussion / decision in regards to the FY 17/18 budget and level of OPEB contributions.**

Mr. Tracey moved that the BOS further recommends, in light of the actuarial recommendations the town has received from its actuarial advisors that the BOF preserve the funding of Town OPEB in the amount of \$25,000, as reflected in the First Selectman's Budget. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4- **Discussion/decision regarding the resignation of Michael O'Brien from the Insurance Advisory Committee, effective March 30, 2017.** Harry Spencer, Insurance Advisory

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Committee Chairman, read the resignation letter from Michael O'Brien and spoke of his contributions. Mr. Spaulding moved to accept the resignation of Michael O'Brien from the Insurance Advisory Committee, effective March 30, 2017. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5- Discussion/decision regarding appointing Vickie Kelley to Lachat Town Farm Commission for a term to end May 15, 2020.** Ms. Kelley is a realtor in town and believes that Lachat is a true amenity to Weston. She is looking forward to serving on the commission. Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Vickie Kelley to Lachat Town Farm Commission for a term to end May 15, 2020. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6- Discussion/decision on signage and mirrors near the intersection of Norfield Road and Norfield Farm Lane.** John Conte, Town Engineer, stated that we have remedied much of the problems by trimming tree of one leader. Decisions on signage and mirrors should be made on a safety aspect. Mr. Conte recommends that this item should go before the Police Commission for review. NO MOTION MADE
- 7- Discussion/decision regarding a resolution in support of application for Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant.** Town Administrator, Jonathan Luiz, stated that he is moving forward with the application for the sidewalk grant. Mr. Spaulding moved to adopt the following resolution: **Resolved**, that Nina R. Daniel, First Selectman of the Town of Weston, hereby is authorized to submit on behalf of this municipal corporation the funding application for the Weston Town Center Sidewalks project under the Small Town Economic Assistance Program referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-66g; and **In addition**, that Nina R. Daniel is hereby authorized to sign the Small Town Economic Assistance Program application and administer the project. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8- Property Tax Refunds

PORSCHE LEASING LTD	\$	117.41
HONDA LEASE TRUST	\$	49.12
USB LEASING LT	\$	347.43
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	\$	269.52
ALLY BANK	\$	908.27
<u>MINKOV SVETOSLAV</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>202.69</u>
Total	\$	1,894.44

Mr. Tracey moved to approve the Property Tax Refunds as listed on the April 6, 2017 agenda for a total amount of \$1,894.44. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9- Minutes Approval: March 9th, 23rd, and 28th**
Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of March 9, 2017. Mr. Tracey abstained. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried 2-1.

Mr. Tracey moved to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of March 23, 2017. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of March 28, 2017. Mr. Tracey

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seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10- First Selectman Updates:

- Mr. Tracey gave an update on Lachat Town Farm. He stated they are well underway with programs. Friends of Lachat have been looking to hire a farm manager and a program manager. Many organizations have been looking to use the facility so the LTFC needs to come up with written guidelines regarding proper use of the property.
- Mr. Spaulding gave an update on the proposed Dog Park. He stated there was an 8:24 report hearing where over 40 people spoke. The meeting will continue on April 17th. The 8:24 is required to make improvements or changes to Town owned property. Ms. Daniel added that the process will be once P&Z makes a decision on whether or not they approve the 8:24 there will be a Public Hearing and a Town Vote.
- Ms. Daniel mentioned that Weston was voted the 6th safest town in the country (award presented by Safewise)
- Mr. Luiz stated the Textile Recycling program will start this Saturday at the town transfer station.

11- New business: None

12- Adjourn : Mr. Spaulding made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: April 20, 2017